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MEDICAL WORKER SAYS KOREAN HOSPITALS CROWDED WITH WOUNDED AND PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASES

A Chinese medical worker, Shih Jo-lin, returned from the Korean front, reported that army hospitals in the Korean front were filled to twice their capacity with wounded and patients afflicted with infectious diseases.

Speaking before the Northwest China All-Nationalities People's "Resist America, Aid Korea" Representatives Conference, Shih Jo-lin, who served in an infectious diseases hospital near the 38th Parallel and worked in an epidemic-prevention team said:

"In hospitals organized to receive 500 patients, we took in more than 1,300. The Army Medical Bureau decided to discharge 250 from the hospital each month. But through hard work, we far exceeded this quota and discharged 470 patients."

During his 7 months' service in Korea with 11 of his compatriots from Sian, Shih Jo-lin and another worker, Chang Kuo-kun, led a litter-bearing team to the 38th Parallel to give first aid and emergency treatment to the wounded and to do epidemic-prevention work.

Without elaborating, Shih Jo-lin said, "We completely checked the epidemic of typhus and relapsing fever, and did other medical treatment work. With the viewpoint that to heal one wounded soldier amounts to killing ten enemies, we increased the fighting strength of our soldiers."

Shih Jo-lin said that during his stay in Korea more than 30,000 wounded and sick soldiers were cured, and that the recovery percentage rose above 81.5 percent as against the mortality rate of only 0.5 percent.

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